

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Philippe G. Nantermet et al.		Group Art Unit: 1624
Serial No.:	10/573,232	Case No.: 21546YP	
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Int'l Appl'n No.:	PCT/US2004/032009		
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For:	BENZYLETHER AND BENZYLAMINO BETA-SECRETASE INHIBITORS FOR THE TREATMENT OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE		

Commissioner for Patents  
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**COMMUNICATION**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 26, 2009, and further in response to a telephone conference with Examiner Paul Ward on November 12, 2009. The undersigned thanks Examiner Ward for the courtesies extended during the teleconference.

As discussed, applicants are resending the Amendment mailed August 25, 2009. The August 25, 2009 amendment addresses the issues raised in the October 26, 2009 Office Action, and should put this application in condition for allowance.

It is believed that no fees are due for this submission. If it is determined that any fees are due, the fees should be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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